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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S REMARKS TO AMERICAN COMMUNITY PLAYED PROMINENTLY IN TURKISH PRESS.

1. TURKISH PRESS AND RADIO JULY 5 GIVES FAIRLY PROMINENT TREATMENT TO INFORMAL, OFF-THE-CUFF AND PRIVATE REMARKS BY AMBASSADOR SPIERS TO AMERICAN COMMUNITY DURING JULY 4 CELEBRATIONS AT ANKARA AIR STATION (BALGAT). STORIES ARE BASED ON REPORT FILED BY REUTERS CORRESPONDENT (TEXT BELOW) WHO HAPPENED TO HEAR REMARKS BECAUSE HE WAS PARTICIPATING IN A BRITISH-AMERICAN TENNIS TOURNAMENT AT BALGAT. TYPICAL PRESS HEADLINES WERE CUMHURIYET'S "SPIERS: UNTIL THE EMBARGO IS LIFTED A SOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS QUESTION CANNOT BE FOUND", AND MILLIYET'S "SPIERS: AS LONG AS THE EMBARGO CONTINUES, THERE IS NO CHANCE FOR A SOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM" .

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2. TEXT OF REUTERS ARTICLE FOLLOWS:
BEGIN TEXT: UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR RONALD SPIERS SAID TODAY HE COULD ALMOST GUARANTEE THAT THERE WOULD BE NO SETTLEMENT OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM IF AN AMERICAN ARMS EMBARGO ON TURKEY REMAINED IN FORCE.

SPEAKING TO AMERICAN RESIDENTS IN TURKEY DURING FOURTH OF JULY

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INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS HERE, MR. SPIERS SAID IT WAS HOWEVER
STILL AN OPEN QUESTION AS TO WHETER THE THREE YEAR OLD EMBARGO
WOULD BE LIFTED.
THE EMBARGO, NOW PARTIALLY RELAXED, WAS IMPOSED IN 1975
AFTER TURKISH TROOPS USED AMERICAN WEAPONS IN THEIR 1974
INVASION OF CYPRUS IN THE WAKE OF A SHORT LIVED COUP AGAINST
ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS.
MR. SPIERS SAID THE SENATE WOULD CONSIDER THE CARTER
ADMINISTRATIONS'S REQUEST FOR A REPEAL OF THE EMBARGO IN THE
WEEK BEGINNING JULY 17, WITH THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TAKING UP THE ISSUE THE FOLLOWING WEEK.
HE SAID HE WOULD SOON BE LEAVING FOR HIS THIRD TRIP TO WASHINGTON
IN RECENT WEEKS TO HELP THE ADMINISTRATION PRESENT ITS CASE
FOR LIFTING THE EMBARGO.
MR. SPIERS ARGUED THAT A CONTINUATION OF THE EMBARGO WOULD
ALMOST CERTAINLY PREVENT A SETTLEMENT OF THE CYPRUS QUESTION
BECAUSE THE GREEK CYPRIOTS WHO SUPPORT IT WOULD HAVE NO
REASON TO NEGOTIATE, WHILE IT COULD ALSO EMBITTER RELATIONS
BETWEEN TURKEY AND GREECE.
THE GREEKS SUPPORT THE GREEK CYPRIOTS IN SEEKING A CONTINUATION
OF THE EMBARGO, AND MR. SPIERS SAID HE FORESAW A SITUATION
WHERE THE TURKS MAY HOLD THIS AGAINST THE GREEKS IF THE
BAN CONTINUES.
THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE AN IMPACT
ON THE GOVERNMENT OF GREEK PREMIER CONSTANTINE KARAMANLIS,
HE SAID, BUT HE FELT THAT THERE WAS SUFFICIENT STABILITY IN
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GREECE TO OVERCOME ANY PROBLEMS.
MR. SPIERS WAS SPEAKING TO MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY
AT ANKARA AIR STATION, SITE OF ONE OF THE 26 AMERICAN INSTALLATIONS
WHOSE ACTIVITIES WERE HALTED BY THE TURKS IN RESPONSE TO THE
EMBARGO.
THE AMBASSADOR SAID MEMBERS OF HIS AUDIENCE WHO DID NOT DO
THEIR PART IN PETITIONING THEIR CONGRESSMEN ON THE ISSUE COULD
NOT COMPLAIN ABOUT THE OUTCOME, WHICH HE SAID WOULD HAVE DEEP
CONSEQUENCES FOR THEM ALL. END TEXT.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE AMBASSADOR SPOKE ALONG THE LINES
OF THE REUTERS REPORT, THE "QUOTATIONS" IN THE TURKISH PRESS
ARE NOT IN FACT QUOTATIONS. BECAUSE OF THE INFORMAL AND PRIVATE
NATURE OF THE REMARKS, NO TRANSCRIPT WAS MADE.
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